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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM**

March 5, 2004

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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